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ST. JOE WINS OPENING GAME OF THE SEASON

The Fast Lafayette Y. M. P. C. Quintet Suffered Defeat at the Hands of the Local Basket-ball Squad Here on Night of December 20.

St. Joe opened her basket-ball schedule for the year '16 and '17 Wednesday evening, December 20, with a victory over the fast Y. M. P. C. team of Lafayette, Indiana.

St. Joe anticipated a rather easy victory, but a great surprise awaited them. The Lafayette boys came all primed to give the locals a crushing defeat, but missed the goal.

Neither team was able to score for many minutes after the game started. Finally the Y. M. P. C. team threw a foul and St. Joe followed in a minute by making a basket. Much time was lost and the game became slow and draggy on account of the time-outs the visitors called. Lafayette took the lead about the middle of the first half and continued to keep ahead until a few minutes before the final whistle.

The game was rough and full of fouls. The former may be easily overlooked because this is expected when two fast teams get together. The continual fouling, such as double dribble, holding, blocking, etc., should not be. Many a good team has lost a game on fouls, which otherwise would have been won.

Tremel and O'Brien were the stars of the game. Each played his position well. Ricks, a former Purple and Red man, showed up the best for the visitors. The line-up:

St. Joe	Position	Y. M. P. C.
Lause	C	Ricks
Tremel	F	Thelen
Holthouse	F	Pawlak
O'Brien	G	Long
Wellman	G	Fengen

Officials—James H. Stewart, referee; Hogan, timekeeper; Antl, scorer.

AT COLLEGE

A college is an interesting place in which to live. It offers untold opportunities to the budding psychologist. Here are to be found all types and manner of individuals. The good, the indifferent, the lazy and diligent, the noble and mean, the cultured and uncouth, the kind and the harsh, the bright and the dull, the sad and the fun-loving young men are all at college. Some are good looking, some fair and others "unfair," to put it mildly. There are blondes and brunettes, tall and short, fleshy and slim students. With such a conglomeration of humanity to contend with one would naturally look for all sorts of quarrels

and dissensions among college students, but as a rule just the reverse is the case. A college is one big family of brothers, it is a little democracy where the good of the individual is sacrificed to the general welfare, in fact a college is the place not only where the students obtain an education, but a place where the most enjoyable years of their lives are passed.

ST. JOE LOSES TO DENTALS

In the game played at Indianapolis Saturday, January 13, the St. Joe team suffered defeat at the hands of the "tooth-pullers." The final score being: Dental 59, St. Joseph 12.

VACATION DAYS

Vacation days, vacation days!
How sad the scene thy close portrays,
When parents, brothers, sisters dear
And relatives from far and near
Convene for Johny's parting.

Vacation days, vacation days!
How many a trick thy close betrays,
Of students who, just for some fun,
Contrive a nuisance, one by one,
Regardless of the consequence.

Vacation days, vacation days!
How many a one, thy lesson stays
From doing things, in play or joke,
That on himself might soon evoke
The wrath of just compunction.

Vacation days, vacation days!
So swiftly Time thy end conveys,
We seem to feel that free days here
Should serve as the scholastic year,
And school days as vacation.

—St. Xaxier.

OBITUARY

Charles Hasser was called to his eternal reward on December 30. Shortly before the holidays he suffered a nervous breakdown, which made it necessary for him to be taken home. At that time we little expected that the hand of death would be laid upon him, and it was a great shock to us when we heard of his death.

Charles was quiet and manly and a good student. He was highly thought of, both by his professors and fellow students. Requiescat in pace.

Truth has everything in the world beaten for coming back.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

SENIOR LEAGUE

IV. Latins vs. III. Coms.

The IV. Latins and Commercial teams opened the senior league schedule last Saturday, January 6. The game was fast and clean. Before the game the Commercials were picked as the winners and they lived up to expectations. Norton and Daily at forward positions worked together, and as a result succeeded in scoring thirty points for their team, the former making eight baskets while Daily made five. Stanish and Niese also made one basket each. Dalton was the main point for the Latins, totaling five baskets, while Ryan, Schmidt and Purcell made only one each.

This game may serve as a model for all future league games, inasmuch as it was clean, fast and interesting. The line-up:

IV. Latins	Position	III. Coms.
Ryan	R. F.	Daily
Dalton	L. F.	Norton
Hogan	C.	Stanish
Schmidt	R. G.	Francoeur
Purcell	L. G.	Niese

Score 30-18. Referee, O'Brien.

IV. Latins vs. III. Latins

The IV. and III. Latins played a tie game on January 8. Both teams were evenly matched and it was a battle royal from beginning to end. Howard played a great game for the III. class team, while Schmidt and G. Ryan were the mainstays of the IV. Latins. The game ended with the score 12 to 12. Owing to a late start, an additional five minutes could not be given to the teams to play off the tie. The captains agreed to play the game over. The line-up:

IV. Latins	Position	III. Latins
Dalton	R. F.	Westhoven
G. Ryan	L. F.	Howard
Hogan	C.	Jung
Purcell	R. G.	Hession
Manley	L. G.	Antl
L. Manley	sub.	Pulskamp

Referee, Bruin.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Greyhounds vs. Vikings

The Greyhounds continued their winning streak and defeated the Vikings by a score of 13-7. The line-up:

Vikings	Position	Greyhounds
Cecil	R. F.	Pursley
Laux	L. F.	Ray
Rose	C.	A. Schaeffer
Holsinger	R. G.	Freeland
Quinlisk	L. G.	J. Schaeffer

Score 13-7. Referee, Daily.

Vikings vs. Eagles

The same hard luck which the Vikings experienced in their game with the Greyhounds was still with them when they played the Eagles. Fortune smiled on the Eagles and when the final whistle blew they were one point in the lead.

The line-up:

Vikings	Position	Eagles
Cecil	R. F.	Noe
Laux	L. F.	Recker
Partee	C.	Wendling
Holsinger	R. G.	Hession
Inkrott	L. G.	Regnier

Score 6-5. Referee, O'Brien.

ACADEMIC LEAGUE

Bellhops vs. Keystones

The Bellhops and the Keystones opened the academic league with a very interesting game on January 7. The Keystones had little trouble in taking their opponents' measure. Bill Manley was easily the star of the game, scoring ten of his team's points. The line-up:

Bellhops	Position	Keystones
Antony	R. F.	W. Manley
Lang	L. F.	W. Miller
Reuse	C.	Parker
Schroeder	R. G.	McCarty
Loechle	L. G.	Goettemoeller

Score 23-5. Referee, Antl.

MIDGET LEAGUE

Little Giants vs. Twilights

The Little Giants won from the Twilights on January 6, but only by the narrow margin of one basket. These two teams made up of young boys played very good ball. The line-up:

Little Giants	Position	Twilights
LaMere	R. F.	Boehnlein
Coddington	L. F.	Yunke
Hoerman	C.	Birkmeyer
Ed. Schaeffer	R. F.	Reed
Williams	L. F.	Blau

Score 8-6. Referee, O'Brien.

TURNERS

Turner Hall is the scene of much activity. The turners are at hard work preparing for their program. The men from last year's troupe have the youngsters in hand and are teaching them all the tricks of the game. However, more material could be used and all students who have the time and are fit for this kind of work should report for practice. Tumbling and trapeze work is great sport and more work should be done along this line by the students.

NEXT VARSITY GAMES

The varsity has no game scheduled until February 7, when they will journey to Lafayette and try to hand the Y. M. P. C. team of that city another defeat. Returning to St. Joe they will have one day to get in shape for the Indiana Dental game. Then on the 19th of the month the Dayton cadets will play here.

With consistent work from now until then the Reps should be able to take these games.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Athletic association met in the upper study hall on the morning of January 7. President Beck called the house to order and after the minutes

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EDITORIALS.**AT TABLE**

We happened to hear the following conversation carried on by two students.

"What do you do when at table?"

"Eat, what do you suppose?" was the surprised answer.

"Yes," said number one, "I knew that, but don't you talk about your studies, tell stories, relate experiences of your life, debate topics of the day, speak about your future life, your aims and ambitions, tell jokes, comment on happenings of the class room and study hall, or something of that sort? Why, meal time is the most enjoyable and social period I spend during the day. Just try it. Introduce table talk, start a conversation going and you will begin to wonder how you succeeded in getting along before, when, as you imagined, all you had time for was eating."

"Say, I never thought of that," was answered. "I believe I'll give it a trial."

He did, and we notice that he is much healthier than when he did nothing while at table but 'eat'.

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SEMI-ANNUALS

Possibly you have overlooked the fact that the semi-annual examinations will commence on January 26, less than two weeks from today, so we herewith beg to remind you of them. These tests will be no easier than former ones, and if you are an "old" student you will realize that a little studying, while there is yet time, is a very wise policy. Are you wise?

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WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU

The college student should appreciate the fact that he is a student. Reasons for so doing are innumerable. For instance, the college boy is given an insight into certain things of which the average young man is totally ignorant. He realizes, for example, that cigaret smoking is absolutely detrimental to his health, so he avoids their use. On the other hand, the average boy must acquire this knowledge by experience and he is frequently a wreck, as far as health is concerned, when it finally dawns on him. Also gambling. The student knows that this vice will materially weaken his morals and cause him to pick up evil habits. Whereas the other young man does not see that gambling is harmful until he loses all his money

and often not until something worse befalls him. Thus it is with most of the things that hamper the correct development of the youthful character. The student is able to see and avoid many dangers, but this blessing is denied most other young men of more limited education. Again we say, the student is right when he rejoices in being a student.

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"PEP"

The students of St. Joe have always stood back of their representative teams, giving them their entire and hearty support. So should it be! But the players ought to reciprocate this support by always doing the best work of which they are capable, whether it be in a game or in practice. The student body demands this and has every right to do so. We don't intend to insinuate that our basket-ball team is "lying down," if we may use the term, but still we think that they could show a little more "pep" and "speed," especially when practicing, if they would only try a little harder. No man should consider his position on the team as something permanent. You know St. Joe wants you only as long as you give her all that is in you. Don't imagine that you are a necessity to the team, for there are many men, perhaps with abilities equal to your own, who are ready at any time to fill your position. So don't play because you think you have to, but because you are a loyal supporter of the "purple and red" and because you consider it an honor to put forth your best efforts in her behalf.

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RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR

At present some people are kept busy breaking the many resolutions which the dawning of the new year caused them to make. This condition is due to the fact that they resolved to do too many things and now finding that they have placed a greater burden than they are able to bear upon themselves, give up in despair, and rapidly falling back in their old ways again, await the coming of another year when the same farce will be enacted by them. These people simply over-estimated the power of the human will and attempted to readjust and better in every way their entire selves at a single blow. Of course they failed, for habits and faults that are the result of years of carelessness take time and a severe struggle to overcome. It were more sensible and praiseworthy in them had they picked out a few of their most prominent failings and then made a determined and earnest effort to rid themselves of these. Once having freed themselves from their big defects the smaller imperfections would eventually disappear of their own accord.

How is it with you? Have you also fallen into the error of these people and tried to do more than you were able? Or, perhaps, remembering the futility of former attempts at self-betterment, you went to the opposite extreme and made no resolutions whatever. If so, you did wrong, for here, as in most cases, there is also a golden medium, which, conscientiously followed, leads to success, and that is, as we said before, to make fewer resolutions, but more efforts in keeping them. Try it!

FOR IDLE MOMENTS

Barret awoke on the beautiful New Year's morn bubbling over with enthusiasm. "I'm going to do something to show that I appreciate that another year has been granted me." And thereupon he resolved to stop drinking. During the course of the same day he had occasion to pass a saloon and was sorely tempted to enter. At last, summoning up all his reserve will power, he sauntered by. This victory over his desire for drink so elated him that he exclaimed, "By gosh, I didn't think I could do it. I'll just go back and have a little drink on that." And he did.

F. X. H.

BIGNESS IS FINE

Student—"How much do you pay for contributions to The Cheer?"

Editor—"Two cents a word."

Student—"Gee, it's a wonder you don't go bankrupt."

Editor—"No danger, sonny; we have not received an article so far this year for publication, and don't expect to."

A NEW ONE

Antony, for enlightenment of all present, made the following statement in logic class the other morning, "I believe that term is ambiguous."

BACK TO THE STONE AGE

Hayden—"Say, do you know that you look like a girl?"

Hackett—"Sure I do. They look out of their eyes and so do I."

ONE WAY OF LOOKING AT IT

Pete O'Brien says that Harry Schaeffer is an excellent table-mate. Pete states that Harry takes so much delight in describing how he can guard Lause that he frequently forgets to eat. So, everything has its purpose.

Teacher—"Willie, construct an original sentence containing the word 'hominy.'"

Norton—"How-many days till Easter?"

Striff (selling post cards)—"Here are some good ones. I have sold a great many this year."

Stanish—"You must be very clever to do so."

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had been read and the report of the treasurer ratified, the election of officials took place. As president, Mr. Bruin was chosen; as secretary, Mr. Tremel; as treasurer, Mr. Dalton. A formal installation of the new officers will take place at the next general A. A. meeting. At this meeting a general manager for the coming baseball season was also voted in. Mr. Lause was the house's choice for the position.

The A. A. will meet again on January 21 and choose new board members for the ensuing term.

SOCIETY NOTES**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**

The Holy Name Society will convene in general meeting before long and elect officers for the remainder of the scholastic year. It is to be hoped that the men elected will prove as capable in the fulfillment of the duties of their office as the outgoing men were.

C. L. S. HOLDS ELECTION

On Sunday, January 7, the Columbian Literary Society met and elected new officers for the coming semester. The gentlemen chosen are: President, James H. Stewart; vice-president, Alex Koenig; secretary, George Kuntz; treasurer, James Dalton; marshal, Moes; critic, Al Scheiner; executive committee, Messrs. Beck, Brunswick and Feldhaus. These men will assume the duties of their respective offices on Sunday January 21.

COLUMBIAN LITERARY SOCIETY

An enjoyable entertainment was rendered by the C. L. S. on the evening of Sunday, January 14. The most instructive and pleasing number was the debate between Mr. Bruin and Mr. Beck. The question discussed was, "Resolved, that it is more advantageous for a student for the priesthood to attend a boarding school in preference to a day school." These gentlemen handled their topics in a masterly manner and both put forth some very excellent arguments in favor of his side of the question. Although the judges gave the decision to Mr. Beck, the merits of both were almost on a par.

Even the man who keeps saying loudly that he believes in liberty of speech may get mad if you are perfectly free in expressing your opinion about him. If you don't believe us ask "Bun" Manley or Otto Bomholt.

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And if she does overcome this passion of her's for wealth and succeeds in passing through this grave crisis, instead of falling beneath the gaze of a wrathful and incensed God, the pure dove of peace and happiness shall descend over this land of the free, o'erspreading with its radiant wings the entire nation and shall blot out forever the present shameful conditions, while the Creator's eternal benediction shall be bestowed once more upon us.

—REFORMER.

The St. Joseph basket-ball team will play the Indianapolis Law school team at St. Joseph college Sunday afternoon, January 21, at 3 o'clock.

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ST. XAVIER NEWS

By Andrew Brunswick.

THE HOLIDAYS

B-r-r-r! screams out the electric bell, announcing to the 300 students of St. Joseph College the arrival of the Christmas holidays. A moment later all is confusion and commotion; books are hastily tossed to their places, suit cases hauled out and packed; each one vies with the others to see who can be the first to leave the premises in a mad race to catch the first train out.

While all this excitement is raging the members of St. Xavier's Hall quietly don their work-a-day clothes in preparation for the glorious ice-making. Everyone lends a willing hand, making, out of what might be considered hard labor, a delightful occupation. Besides furnishing an abundance of exercise in the open air, the ice harvesting was not without other distinguishing qualities. Released from the four months of severe mental drill, everyone felt light and gay, and tried to outdo all the rest by witty questions and brilliant answers. Feats of daring were attempted, especially by the junior members, on the pond. Though these often proved disastrous to some individual, they flavored the work with the spice of good feeling and amusement. Sir John distinguished himself as the hero of the occasion, and had Old Mother Hubbard been applying the powder, he could not have enjoyed his numerous baths better. Yet he did not have a monopoly on the sports. Lucks, Jr. "Jonny" Depweg, Gullassa, Simmer and a few more, each took one or more cold plunges, going so far as to scandalize the dog who was rescued only by the thoughtful action of Wille "Voix de Lion." Little in the manner of a sensation occurred at the ice house—in all a few smashed toes, lots of fun and sausage. Joe Duenser complains of having lost his pimples between the cakes of ice. But, being in cold storage they will keep well if the ice does not.

It is Christmas morning. The sweet strains of "Stille Nacht," sung by the twin quartet, have floated away, the early mass is over, and the students repair to the dining room, which has been elaborately decorated with rich drapings of pink, white and holly. Breakfast over, the study hall next claims their attention. In the center of this stands the Christmas tree, reaching to the ceiling and spreading its branches out in proportion. It is artistically trimmed with more than 100 candles, beautifully colored electric lights and a novel variety of Christmas trappings. "Alice in Wonderland" could not have been more fascinated than we were by the attractions which the study hall presented. The walls were artfully draped in the season's colors, and the big, hearty "Merry Christmas," made from tinsel and stretching almost from side to side, was the crowning feature of the magnificent display.

Following their custom, the students of St. Xavier's presented two dramatic exhibitions during the holidays season. The first, "Am Felsen Kreuz," a German Christmas play in two acts, was given on the afternoon of the feast. Even for those who did not understand the language this play was not without interest, for the thought

was very effectively produced by the action itself. For those who did, it was a real treat, touching, and quite in harmony with the occasion. New Year's evening, the rendition of "Coom Na Gop-pel," a serio-comic drama in five acts, furnished several hours of delightful enjoyment. While reflecting the history of Irish wrongs and oppres-sions, it relates the stormy wooing of Donald Parese, the faithful son of Sir Christopher, of Lady Alice of Kenmare, the latter's ward, and passionately sought for by Rancklyn, wicked brother to Donald, and the favorite of his father. The peculiarly involved plot and number of episodes made it difficult for one not familiar with the story to follow its trend, but the amount of action displayed was a very effective redeeming feature for any deficiency in the play itself. The third act, above all, won the applause of the small but enthusiastic audience. Here, Leo Vogt, as Solomon Cheatheim, "who didn't know anything about the diamonds," had no mercy, and threw the assembly into convulsions of laughter by his extremely humorous imitation of "the real 100 per cent." What seemed to be developing "From Laughter to Tears" at the close of the scene proved in the end a "Comedy of Errors" when the over-confident constable arrested instead of Donald, the suspected murderer, a young Irish-man, Brian O'Hara. Other participants who dis-tinguished themselves were: Aloysius Feldhaus, the shrewd detective; Andrew Brunswick, a true son of Erin; John E. Raycroft, the indulgent and partial parent, and Joseph Hiller, a miser who did not have 1,000 pennies.

Lack of space prevents me from showering the roses of praise upon all to whom they are due, but I dare not close without extending to the members of the Senior class our appreciation for the active part they took in making the recent vacation the most delightful one in several years.

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QUESTION BOX

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Answer: Well, the cyclone makes the house-fly, the blacksmith makes the fire-fly, the carpenter makes the saw-fly, the driver makes the horse-fly, the grocer makes the sand-fly, and the lodger makes the butter-fly.

Dear Editor: Why doesn't somebody ask a few questions so you could fill out this column and make it worth reading?

Answer: We dunno, unless it is that most students think they know it all. But they ain't fooling anybody, are they?

SKATING

It seems that the students do not take the interest in skating that they should. Jack Dillon says "that skating is the best outdoor exercise that a man can get." It develops your muscles and gives you wind. If more fellows would take outdoor exercise there would not be so many red tickets handed out by Father Bart. J. M. H.

PERSONALS.

Two new students were enrolled since Christmas, namely, Joe Williams from Elwood, Indiana, and Edmund Hoelker from Batesville, Indiana.

Pottkotter (reading Journal)—Gee, Ed, things are going high. It makes a person hold his breath to pay 60c per dozen for eggs.

Ed—Well, it isn't so bad. People have the alternative of paying 50c per dozen and then holding their nose.

Stanish—I want a collar, please.

Clerk—How much is your size?

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